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To Whom It May Concern:

The examiner of record (Derek Boles) is retracting the entry of the 312 amendment filed on 11/20/07.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 10, on line 1, delete "9" and insert in its place --1, wherein the transverse distribution of the ratio of actual exit temperature to desired exit temperature is controlled within a desired transverse ratio distribution, and--. In claim 11, on line 1, delete "9" and insert in its place --10--. In claim 12, on line 1, delete "9" and insert in its place --1, wherein the transverse distribution of the ratio of actual exit temperature to desired exit temperature is controlled within a desired transverse ratio distribution, and--. In claim 13, on line 1, delete "9" and insert in its place --1, wherein the transverse distribution of the ratio of actual exit temperature to desired exit temperature is controlled within a desired transverse ratio distribution, and--. Cancel claim 18. In claim 19, on line 1, delete "18" and insert in its place --232--. In claim 22, on line 1, delete "28" and insert in its place --21--. In claim 23, on line 1, delete "28" and insert in its place --21--. In claim 73, on line 1, delete "diluent recovery" and insert in its place --energy-conversion-- and on line 2 after "1" insert --wherein the diluent recovery system is--. In claim 74, on line 1, delete

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“72” and insert in its place --1 including a diluent recovery system in fluid communication with the outlet of the expander and--.

Add new claim 232 --The energy-conversion system according to claim 80 further configured to deliver a portion of the heated diluent-containing fluid from the second heat exchanger into the oxidant-containing fluid being compressed.--

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Derek S. Boles at (571) 272-4872 or supervisory patent examiner Steve McAllister at (571) 272-6785.

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